

In re Patent Application of:
BOULANGER ET AL.
Serial No. 09/856,710
Filed: **FEBRUARY 26, 2002**

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 40 are currently pending. Claims 5, 18, 33 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 12, 14 to 17, 19 to 32 and 34 to 39 are allowed.

The list of crystal compositions in claim 5 has been corrected in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

Claim 18 has been amended to clarify that additional optical beams are laser beams.

Claim 33 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion by replacing "the side" with "one side".

Claim 39 has been amended as suggested in the outstanding Office Action.

Claim 40 has been cancelled.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In re Patent Application of:
BOULANGER ET AL.
Serial No. 09/856,710
Filed: FEBRUARY 26, 2002



Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1465 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles E. Wands", written over a horizontal line.

CHARLES E. WANDS

Telephone: (321) 725-4760



27975

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: M/S NON FEE AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, on this 17 day of November, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Ferguson", written over a horizontal line.